

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title of Invention	:	CERVICAL DISC REPLACEMENT METHOD
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure. The enclosed Form PTO-1449 identifies the references of which Applicant is aware.

As this present application is a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. §120, no copies of the information are included herein.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the references herein and make them of record in the subject application. It is Applicant's position that the references cited

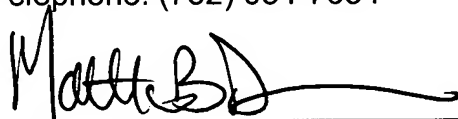
pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 are clearly not a bar to allowance of the claims in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,405,400	4/11/95	Linscheid et al	623	21	
	AB	5,645,605	7/8/97	Klawitter	623	21	
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